

# H. R. 288.

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FEBRUARY 11, 1823.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the whole House to which is committed the bill to authorize the state of Indiana to open a canal through the public lands, &c.

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## A BILL

*Changing the mode of surveying the Public Lands, on any River, Lake, Bayou, or Water Course, in the state of Mississippi, and territory of Arkansas.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   whenever, in the opinion of the President of the United States,  
4   a departure from the ordinary mode of surveying land, on any  
5   river, lake, bayou, or water course, in the state of Mississippi,  
6   and territory of Arkansas, would promote the public interest,  
7   he may direct the Surveyor General, in whose district such  
8   land is situated, and where the change is intended to be made,  
9   under such rules and regulations as the President may pre-  
10   scribe, to cause the lands, thus situated, to be surveyed, in  
11   tracts of two acres in width, fronting on any river, bayou, lake,  
12   or water course, and running back the depth of forty acres;

13 which tracts of land, so surveyed, shall be offered for sale en-  
14 tire, instead of in half quarter sections, and in the usual man-  
15 ner, and on the same terms, in all respects, as the other pub-  
16 lic lands of the United States.